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**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 515**

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**Chairperson:** Tim Gay  
**Committee:** Health and Human Services  
**Date of Hearing:** February 26, 2009

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

As introduced, LB 515 relates to the Emergency Medical Services Practice Act and would amend the names of the following licensure classifications of out-of-hospital emergency care providers:

- “first responder” becomes “emergency medical responder”;
- “emergency medical technician-intermediate” becomes “advanced emergency medical technician”; and
- “emergency medical technician-paramedic” becomes “paramedic.”

“Emergency medical technician” would stay the same in the Act.

Additionally, LB 515 would replace the U.S. Department of Transportation curricula for the above-mentioned licensure classifications in favor of a curricula reviewed and adopted by the Nebraska Board of Emergency Medical Services (“the Board”). The Board-established curricula for emergency medical responders and emergency medical technicians would include a “skills competency test” for licensure. This “skills competency test” would be a hands-on or oral test of a person’s abilities to perform skills and to develop a treatment plan within the practices and procedures for the classification being tested.

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